

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-16, 23-36 and 47 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 10 and 14-16 and 47 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 45-46 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. In particular, the allowable features of claim 46 have been incorporated into the independent claims. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). By this amendment, the independent claims such that the attaching portions are changed to holes and the auxiliary attaching portion is changed to an additional hole. Support for these amendments can be found in Applicant's specification at page 17, lines 20-25 and Figs. 3B, 4B and 5B, for example. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action objects to claims 1, 10 and 14-16 because of informalities. By this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 10 and 14-16 based on the Examiner's helpful comments. Support for these amendments be found in Applicant's specification at page 17, lines 20-25 and Figs. 3B, 4B and 5B, for example. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action objects to claim 3 because of informalities. Applicant respectfully disagrees that dependent claim 3 is redundant. The hole and the protrusion claimed in dependent claim 3 can be found in Applicant's specification at page 18, line 21-22 and Fig. 4B. These features are different from holes included in the first and second attaching portions of independent claim 1. Additionally, Applicant notes that claim 45 has been canceled, and thus the objection to this claim is moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claim 3 be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claim 46 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this amendment, claim 46 has been canceled and therefore the objection is moot. However, the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 46 has been incorporated into the independent claims. In this regard, Applicant has amended the subject matter of canceled claim 46 based on the Examiner's helpful comments. Thus, Applicant respectfully asserts that the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection should not be applied to the independent claims.

The Office Action rejects claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. By this Amendment, claim 47 is amended to change "the flanges" to "frame members," which are enabled by the specification.

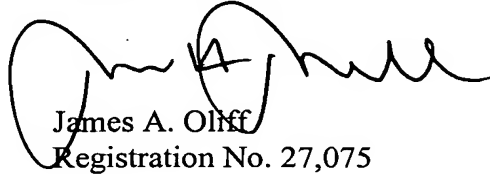
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-10, 12-16, 23-36, 45 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,191,382 to Okamura et al. (hereinafter Okamura). The rejection with regard to independent claims 1, 6, 10, 14-16 and 47 has been rendered moot because the allowable features of dependent claim 46 have been incorporated into the independent claims 1, 6, 10, 14-16 and 47.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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